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## VHS Engineering and Technology Students at State House

## VHS Engineering and Technology Students display activities and projects to Legislators at the State House

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Valparaiso High School's finest Technology/Engineering activities were on display in the North Atrium of the State Capitol on February 27th, 2007. The public, legislators and other elected officials saw the Indiana Engineering and Technology Education Curriculum that is being implemented by Technology teachers across the state of Indiana. Over 100 public school students from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River participated with State Superintendent Dr. Suellen Reed visiting all students and activities.

The legislators enjoy talking to students and the lawmakers who visit understand a great deal more about Technology/Engineering Education and all of the various courses that are taught in the state curriculum. Purdue and Indiana State Universities were on hand to preview how future Technology and Engineering Educators are being prepared. Special recognition was paid to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development who have greatly enhanced opportunities for students to pursue careers in STEM. In Engineering and Technological studies throughout Indiana the DWD has provided financial support and leadership in developing Project Lead the Way programs and has helped schools begin programs in robotics. This year we added the schools with VEX Robotics in their curriculum to the display. Playing fields were set in the center of the North Atrium and VEX Robot competition echoed thru the halls of our state government. Congratulations to all students and teachers for making the event a success.



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